



2007 Agency, Municipal, and Business

Leading By Example Awards

Presented by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Operational Services Division
Department of Environmental Protection

What are the Massachusetts Leading By Example Awards?

The Leading by Example Awards are a public service awards program sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in cooperation with the Operational Services Division, and Department of Environmental Protection, for the purpose of recognizing outstanding efforts in implementing sustainable practices among Commonwealth state agencies, municipalities, and businesses. Each year, two agencies, two municipalities, and two businesses receive awards.

Eligible Nominees:

Agency: State agencies and authorities, state facilities, colleges and universities;

Municipality: Municipalities and their departments, schools/school districts and public purchasing cooperatives;

Business: Companies that do business with the Commonwealth through a statewide contract. Distributors, manufacturers, and vendors providing commodities or services are all eligible.

No winners from last year/2006 are eligible.

(For a list of previous winners, go to: www.mass.gov/epp and click on "Learn About EPPs...")

What are Sustainable Practices?

Entities considering applying should have made a significant effort in implementing initiatives in one or more of the following areas:

- Climate protection, energy efficiency, and renewable energy
- Sustainable design and construction
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Purchasing of recycled and environmentally preferable products (EPPs)
- Reduction or elimination of use of mercury and persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs)
- Water conservation
- Natural resource protection

Why Should You Apply?

Receiving a Commonwealth Environmental Purchasing and Sustainability Award gets you public recognition for your achievements in the sustainability, recycling and EPP purchasing arenas. Such recognition can help to promote future environmental efforts and help foster a positive image of your organization.

When Will the Award Be Presented?

The Environmental Purchasing and Sustainability Awards will be presented at a special ceremony at the State House in Boston on Thursday, October 25th, 2007 and announced again at the 13th Annual EPP Vendor Fair and Conference, on October 30, 2007, at the DCU Center in Worcester. Media as well as state legislators and others are invited to the event.

Application/Nomination Instructions

To apply, complete and return the attached form. Individuals may enter their own agency, municipality, school, or business for an award, and/or nominate another entity.

All entries must be submitted no later than Thursday, October 11, 2007 by 4 p.m. to the contact below.



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AWARD CRITERIA

Some or all of the following criteria will be considered in evaluating nominations.

- ◆ **Sustainable Practices.** Demonstrated efforts in one or more of the following areas:
 - Climate protection, energy efficiency, and renewable energy
 - Sustainable design and construction,
 - Waste reduction and recycling,
 - Purchasing of recycled and environmentally preferable products (EPPs)
 - Reduction or elimination of use of mercury and persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs),
 - Water conservation.
- ◆ **Comprehensiveness, diversity and scale of effort.**
- ◆ **Environmental benefits and cost savings achieved by the project or program.**
- ◆ **Environmental/Sustainability Policy development.**
- ◆ **Growth in the implementation of sustainable practices.**
- ◆ **Innovation/creativity of effort.**
- ◆ **Comprehensive or Innovative Tracking Systems.**
- ◆ **Making purchasing decisions around product Lifecycle cost.**

NOMINATION FORM

Agency/Municipality/Business Nominee:

Contact person:

Address:

Phone/Fax:

Email:

Nominator (if different from above):

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Please describe the nominee's efforts in the areas of sustainability satisfying the award criteria above. Attach any specific information such as the specific tracking data, savings information, specific project locations, contact people, and any other pertinent details.

All entries must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. October 11, 2007, to Eric Friedman, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, preferably via email @ eric.friedman@state.ma.us or by fax to (617) 626-1181. For questions or more information, please email or call Eric at (617) 626-1034.